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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director

SUBJECT : Detachment B Deployment Date

I would like if possible to establish firmly in my own mind at least our final Detachment B deployment date. Within the past 60 days I recall the date having been changed from 15 August to 23 August - then from 23 August to 10 August - and finally from 10 August to 5 August.

2. As you know, we are now committed to airlift aircraft on or about 5 August. With [redacted] leaving today for Wiesbaden to firm up our logistics support requirements, I believe in all fairness we should make certain that the date he uses in his discussions is one in which we all agree. I have told Bill that I would bring this matter up with you and that at some point this week we would attempt to advise him by TMI through Frankfurt that our date was a firm one, whatever it might be. I have heard that there may be a conflict between the 5 August deployment date and the USCM for Detachment B, but of this I am not sure. Perhaps you could discuss this at the Staff Meeting tomorrow just to make sure that we are finally fixed on a target date. I would recommend advising [redacted] in Frankfurt even if our date remains as now projected.

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